

Appointment of SCs/STs in the high level posts in major Ports

2464. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SC/ST Parliamentarians in the representations submitted to the Prime Minister on 17.12.1996, 1.9.1997 and 23.7.1998 have demanded appointment/posting of persons belonging to the SCs/STs to the posts/assignments in the higher echelons of administration under Government;

(b) the total number of persons appointed/posted to the above category of posts to the Board of Management/ Governing/Executive Councils of the Dockyard Labour Boards in all the major Ports during the last five years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of SC/ST persons among them and their percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Creation of mechanised coal handling facilities at Paradeep Port

2465. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the proposal for the creation of mechanised coal handling facilities at Paradeep Port in Orissa;

(b) if so, the cost of the project;

(c) whether it would be funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB); and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to set up mechanised coal handling berths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Govt, has approved the proposal for the creation of mechanized coal handling facilities at Paradeep in Orissa.

(b) and (c) The revised cost estimated for the project is Rs. 831.11 crores with foreign exchange component of Rs. 149.48 crores. The project is partly funded by the Asian Development Bank and partly through the internal resources of Paradeep Port Trust.

(d) Paradeep Port Trust has already executed major components of the project and it is scheduled to be operational soon.

Performance of SCI

2466. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has been earning profit;
- (b) if so, the performance of SCI during last three years;
- (c) whether the passenger division of SCI was incurring losses;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the passenger division has made any improvement in 2000-2001; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The performance of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI) during the last three years is as follows:

	(Rs. in crores)		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Operating Expenses	2414.50	2520.80	2542.80
Other Income	107.00	61.50	65.20
Total Earnings	2521.50	2582.30	2608.00